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SUBJECT: GOLOSOVSKAYA DEATH CLAIM

REFS: A) EMBASSY'S A-481, DECEMBER 24, 1974,

B) DEPARTMENT'S A-10156, DECEMBER 11, 1973

1. NOTWITHSTANDING MFA'S COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS TRANSMITTED WITH REFERENCE (A), DEPARTMENT REMAINS CONVINCED OF VALIDITY OF ITS LEGAL POSITION AS STATED IN REFERENCE (B). DEPARTMENT OF FURTHER VIEW SOVIET REPLIES FAIL TO REFUTE OR INVALIDATE DEPARTMENT'S CONTENTION THAT PROVISIONS OF SECTION 458 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE OF THE RSFSR ESTABLISH AN EXCEPTION TO THE ABSOLUTE LIABILITY IMPOSED BY SECTION 454, WHICH CONTENTION IS SUPPORTED BY SOVIET COURT DECISION. (BALAKINA V. BESPALOV, 1966, ENCLOSURE 2 REFERENCE (B)).

2. DEPARTMENT'S STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO PAY COMPENSATION FOR VALID CLAIMS IS LIMITED TO THE PROVISIONS OF (A) 22 USC SECTION 2669(B), MERITORIOUS CLAIMS ESPOUSED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS ENTAILING THE INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE US GOVERNMENT; AND (B) SECTION 2669(F), TORT

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BILITY OF THE US GOVERNMENT; AND (B) SECTION 2669(F), TORT

CLAIMS ARISING FROM DEPT'S OPERATIONS OVERSEAS IN ACCORDANCE

WITH THE FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT, AS AMENDED, 28 USC  
SECTION 2672 (2 FAM 281.1(A). UNDER LATTER, EVIDENCE  
MUST ESTABLISH (1) FAULT OR LIABILITY OF DEPARTMENT  
EMPLOYEE IN CAUSING INJURY TO CLAIMANT, AND (2) UNDER  
CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE USG, IF A PRIVATE PERSON, WOULD BE  
LIABLE TO THE CLAIMANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF THE  
PLACE WHERE THE ACT OR OMISSION OCCURRED. (SOVIET  
INVESTIGATION REPORT CONCLUDED NEITHER DRIVER NOR VEHICLE  
AT FAULT IN GOLOSOVSKIY DEATH.) ALTHOUGH HUMANITARIAN  
ASPECTS ARE APPARANT IN CASE, DEPARTMENT HAS NO LEGAL  
AUTHORITY OR FUNDS WITH WHICH TO MAKE AN "EX GRATIA"  
PAYMENT TO MRS. GOLOSOVSKAYA. INGERSOLL

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